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**Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission
Public Forum**

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2006
Capitol Annex Room 171
Frankfort, Kentucky

EQC Commissioners Present

Gordon Garner, Vice Chair
Karen Deaton
Rebecca Farris
Andrew Ernest
Laura Knoth

Commissioners absent

Lindell Ormsbee, Chair
Eugene Zick

Speakers/Representatives Present

John Lyons, Division of Air Quality
Lona Brewer, Division of Air Quality
Sara Evans, Division of Waste Management
Aaron Keatley, Director of Compliance
Assistance

EQC Staff Present

Jo Hargis, Executive Director
Frances Kirchhoff, Executive Secretary
Johnna McHugh, Director of Operations

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) held a public forum on September 20, 2006 for the purpose of reviewing Division of Air regulations and to receive updates on recycling and the Kentucky Excellence in Environmental Leadership (EXCEL) program. There were approximately 12 present in the audience. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting. A motion was made by Karen Deaton, seconded by Rebecca Farris and passed unanimously.

Next, the EQC Executive Director, Jo Hargis, talked about the recommendation on the establishment of an advisory committee on noise control (KRS 224.0110). Pursuant to this mandate the EQC investigated the efficacy of establishing the aforementioned committee. John Lyons, Director of the Division of Air Quality, had provided background information to Jo Hargis regarding the history of noise control. Although several statutes relating to noise control exist in KRS 224.30 no regulations have been promulgated. This is likely the reason a Noise Advisory Committee has not previously been established. The EQC voted unanimously to recommend no action be taken at this time regarding establishment of an advisory committee on noise control. The EQC will revisit the issue at such time when noise control regulations are promulgated.

Next, Mr. John Lyons and Ms. Lona Brewer, Division of Air Quality, addressed the Commission concerning the revision to Kentucky's Air Quality Regulations and State Implementation Plan. The EQC voted unanimously to recommend adoption of the proposed regulations amendments listed below:

401 KAR 50:010 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 50
401 KAR 51:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 51
401 KAR 52:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 52
401 KAR 59:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 59
401 KAR 61:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 61
401 KAR 63:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 63
401 KAR 65:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 65

Next, Ms. Brewer addressed the Commission concerning the redesignation request for air quality attainment in Bullitt, Oldham, Jefferson and Boyd Counties. Laura Knoth made a motion to approve the redesignation request. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Vice-chair, Gordon Garner, next recognized Sara Evans with the Department of Waste Management and Aaron Keatley, Director for the Division of Compliance Assistance. Ms. Evans gave a PowerPoint presentation, Environmental and Economic Benefits of Sound Solid Waste Management Practices. This presentation provided an overview of Kentucky's cleanup and recycling programs: Illegal Dumps, Litter, Waste Disposal, Waste Tires, Household Hazardous Waste, Recycling, Senate Bill 50 improvements and Future Projections. Mr. Keatley gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Kentucky KY EXCEL program. The program's goals are to increase the number of individuals that voluntarily act to improve Kentucky's environment; recognize individuals that demonstrate excellence in their commitment to environmental improvement; encourage regulated entities in their compliance efforts and motivate them to advance their environmental commitment; and increase awareness of the tools and resources available to assist individuals, organizations and businesses. Mr. Keatley announced that KY EXCEL will be the focus of this year's Governor's Conference on the Environment.

Other Business

SOKE report—Ms. Hargis suggested that the State of Kentucky's Environment report be changed to a different format such that current issues that are facing Kentuckians can be addressed in a timely fashion. Ms. Hargis said that she has already spoken with the Chair and other Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet personnel. The suggested name of the report could be "Kentucky's Quality of Life - Partnering Economic Growth with Environmental Stewardship." EQC needs to speak with legislators and lobbyists to inform them that EQC can provide them with a product that can boost Kentucky's economic growth and can provide industry leaders and businesses with ways to become environmentally friendly yet draw more business to the Commonwealth. Some topics

could be Kentucky's Quality of Life compared to surrounding states, Kentucky's environmental features that can attract business and industry, environmental stewardship practices that are currently being implemented by Kentucky businesses and industries, other environmental stewardship practices that can be implemented to attract business and industries and ways to partner economic growth with environmental stewardship. The EQC would like to continue to provide SOKE reports depending on the issues that this Commission feels are important. This new report would be just a one-time product. Discussion followed. The consensus was that a new format to the SOKE report produced in a timely manner would be a good change as long as the report was true to the mission of the EQC.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Signed Lindell Ormsbee, Chair

Date